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1. AUSTRIAN POSITION: AUSTRIA, GIVEN ITS STRATEGIC GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION IN CENTRAL EUROPE, ITS NEUTRALITY AND ITS MILITARY WEAKNESS, IS SENSITIVE TO ANY CHANGES IN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS IN BORDERING STATES WHO ARE EITHER MEMBERS OF THE WARSAW OR NATO PACTS. IT HAS THEREFORE TAKEN A MAJOR INTEREST IN THE MBFR TALKS AND UNDERSTANDABLY SILENTLY ENDORSES THE NATO WORKING PRINCIPLE THAT ANY REDUCTIONS IN MILITARY FORCES SHOULD NOT RESULT IN ANY DIMINUTION OF SECURITY IN WESTERN EUROPE. OF PARTICULAR CONCERN TO AUSTRIA IN REGARD TO ANY MBFR AGREEMENT WOULD BE THE FUTURE STATUS OF HUNGARY, CURRENTLY A POTENTIAL MILITARY STAGING AREA AGAINST BORDERING STATES SUCH AS ROMANIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, BUT ALSO AUSTRIA. HUMES

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